

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

Kurt Thornton, Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Heather Lane-Fowler Doug Sofia
Jan Hatch Kurt Thornton
Susan Baldwin (Commission Liaison)

Staff Present: Susan Bedsole, Director Community Svcs.
Eileen Wicklund, City Attorney
Jill Steele, Assist. City Attorney
Chris Hilton, Planning Supervisor
Leona Parrish, Admin. Assistant

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DOUG SOFIA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 13, 2009 MEETING AS SUBMITTED; SECONDED BY MS. HEATHER LANE-FOWLER, ALL IN FAVOR MINUTES APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

10 W. Michigan Avenue (*New Sign for Subway*)

Ms. Christine Hilton, Planning Supervisor stated Mr. Glenn Perian, Senior Planner had spoken with the petitioner regarding their request to replace the new projection sign on the old projection camera sign. Stated he noted they would need to submit a zoning application to request a zoning variance for the new sign as it is a legal non-conforming sign.

MOTION: MADE BY MS. HEATHER LANE-FOWNER TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR A NEW PROJECTION SIGN AS SUBMITTED BASED ON THE PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE AS SUBMITTED; SUPPORTED BY MS. JAN HATCH.

ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE.

Ms. Teri Lasson, from Downtown Partnership Ofc. is present and stated Ms. Wendy Einheart was here today to speak and that they had already purchased a sign to be installed.

Ms. Einheart stated they were told that the sign they wished to install was too large and would need to request a zoning variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER: MADE BY MS. JAN HATCH TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO REMOVE THE OLD CAMERA SIGN AND INSTALL A NEW PROJECTION SIGN TO BE HUNG BY CHAINS AS SUBMITTED BASED ON THE PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE AS SUBMITTED; SUPPORTED BY MR. DOUG SOFIA.

Mr. Jim Frisbie, Frisbie Sign Co., explained the sign has already been ordered and is larger than what the ordinance allows.

AMENDED MOTION TO RECONSIDER: MADE BY MR. DOUG SOFIA TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO REMOVE THE OLD CAMERA SIGN AND INSTALL A NEW PROJECTION SIGN TO BE HUNG BY CHAINS OR A PROJECTION SIGN USING THE ORIGINAL CAMERA SIGN AS SUBMITTED BASED ON THE PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE AS SUBMITTED; SUPPORTED BY MS. HEATHER LANE-FOWLER.

Note: It is noted that the petitioner would need to submit an application to the Zoning Board of Appeals for approval to allow a sign to be larger than allowed by the city ordinance.

25 Howland Street *(Not HDC Requirement – Using CDBG Funds)*

Mr. Dan Osborn, Community Action Agency was present; stated they are using Community Development Block Grant funds for repair work consisting of re-calking, step repair and painting.

It was noted the type of work they are doing does not require HDC approval. Because the property is in a Historic District and the use of Federal Grant monies; the Government requires it to be presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Steve Wagoner, 30 Post Avenue, stated he was a concerned citizen regarding issues with the downtown and that he will be attending the Historic District Commission meetings as he is interested in any changes in the downtown.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF:

Ms. Heather Lane-Fowler stated there is public support for Subway business in the downtown and that she is glad to hear the use of the downtown buildings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mr. Doug Sofia to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Heather Lane-Fowler; all in favor none opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Submitted by: Leona A. Parrish, Administrative Assistant, Planning Department